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To discourage the granting Leases in Joint Tenancy
in Ireland.

WHEREAS the practice of granting Leases to persons jointly, in common, or in partnership, still prevails in some parts of Ireland, to the material prejudice of the improvement of the People: And whereas the continuance of such practice is much induced by the facility thereby afforded of multiplying qualifications (often colourable only) to vote for members to serve in Parliament, contrary to the spirit of the laws and constitution: And whereas it is highly expedient such inducement should cease;

- BE** it therefore Enacted by The KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT it shall not be lawful for any person to register or vote for a member or members to serve in Parliament for any place in Ireland, for any freehold under the yearly value of 15 pounds, held by him jointly, or in common, or in partnership, by virtue of any Lease, Deed, or other Instrument, given or executed to any person or persons jointly, in common, or in partnership, dated after the day of next, or by virtue of any Lease, or agreement for a Lease, from any person or persons holding as aforesaid.

No Person to register or vote for any Freehold under 15l. held jointly by virtue of any Lease dated after 1 June 1823.

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That every person taking the oath, commonly called the Freeholders Oath, for freeholders under pounds yearly value, whether at the time of registry, or

Addition to
Oath of Free-
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or of election, shall add thereto the following words; " And that I do
" not hold my said freehold jointly, or in common, or in partnership, by
" virtue of any Lease, Deed, or other Instrument, dated after the
" day of last, given or executed to any
" person or persons jointly, or in common, or in partnership, or by virtue
" of any Lease, or agreement for a Lease, from any person or persons
" holding as aforesaid;" which addition to such freeholders oath, the
persons legally authorized to administer the said oath, are hereby em-
powered and required to administer.

Persons
swearing
falsely guilty
of Perjury

And be it further Enacted, That in case any person shall wilfully and
corruptly swear falsely in the said addition to the said oath, and shall
be thereof duly convicted, such person shall be deemed guilty of perjury,
and shall suffer the like pains and penalties, and incur the same dis-
abilities, as persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury are subject to
and incur.



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